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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL

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January 15, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Hospital, to **Retroactively** pay The Joint Commission (VC#258505), Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, in the amount of \$5,710 for annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, 88% General Funds and 12% Other Funds (intergovernmental revenues).

Funds are available in the following account:

05-95-94-940010-8400 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Class Title	Job Number	Amount
SFY 2025	026-500251	Organizational Dues	94012800	\$5,710

EXPLANATION

This request is **Retroactive** because the invoice for membership was received after expiration of the previous fiscal year membership. Approval of this request enables New Hampshire Hospital to continue annual membership with The Joint Commission's re-accreditation program. The Joint Commission mission is dedicated to continuous improvement of health care for the public. This is a collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating facilities, operations, and patient care services in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organizational dues and membership approval submissions:

- How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?
The Joint Commission has been in existence since 1951. NH Hospital has been a member since 1980.
- Is there any other organization, which provides the same or similar benefits, which your agency belongs to?
No. NH Hospital does not belong to any other organization that provides the same or similar benefits.

3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

The Joint Commission has a nationwide membership with more than 22,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. New Hampshire Hospital is the sole NH State agency that is a member.

4. How is the due's structure established?

Annual fees are based on statistical data for the Hospital as required to be reported.

5. What benefits does the state receive from participating in this membership?

Participating in this membership provides the accreditation required to receive funding from Medicaid and Medicare.

6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership?

Yes, there are guides and an electronic edition of a comprehensive accreditation manual that comes with the membership. Additional training opportunities are available for a nominal fee.

7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams?

Membership is required for many federal grants and accreditation to participate in Medicaid and Medicare programs.

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee?

No. Travel is not included with this membership fee.

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization?

- (APR) Accreditation and Participation Requirements/Key Contact Person: Stefanie Shea, Chief Quality and Compliance Officer
- (EC) Environment of Care: Allen Coen, Director of Facilities
- (HR) Human Resources: Julie Stewart-Phelps, Human Resources Coordinator
- (IC) Prevention and Control: Ginger Widger, Infection Prevention Practitioner
- (EM) Emergency Management: Anna Hullinger, Director of Emergency Management
- (IM) Information Management: Susan Tierney, RN III, Informatics, Sean Hollingsworth Director, Hospital Information Systems
- (LD) Leadership: Ellen Lapointe, CEO, Stefanie Shea Chief Quality and Compliance Officer
- (LS) Life Safety: Christopher McDonald, Healthcare Safety Officer
- (MM) Medication Management: Rosemary Costanzo, Director of Nursing
- (MS) Medical Staff: Dr. Jeffrey Fetter, Chief Medical Officer
- (NPSG) National Patient Safety Goals: Rosemary Costanzo, Director of Nursing, Brianna White, Patient Safety Nurse Specialist
- (NR) Nursing: Rosemary Costanzo, Director of Nursing
- (PC) Provision of Care, Treatment and Services: Dr. Jeffrey Fetter, Chief Medical Officer,
- (PI) Performance Improvement: Stefanie Shea Chief Quality and Compliance Officer
- (RC) Record of Care, Treatment and Services: Melissa Cresta, Health Information and Privacy Administrator
- (RI) Rights and Responsibilities of the Patients: Brad Rapanut, Director of Patient Experience

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- (WT) Waived Testing: Dr. Jeffery Fetter, Chief Medical Officer

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

Should the Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, New Hampshire Hospital will not be able to fulfill State regulatory requirements or maintain accreditation. Maintaining accreditation and certification is required for NHH to receive payment from federally funded Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: Source of funds is 12% Other Funds from fees and intra-department transfers and 88% General Funds.

Respectfully Submitted,



for:

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner

INVOICE

Invoice: 10211626
Invoice Date: 01/02/2025
Page: 1
PO Number:



The Joint Commission

One Renaissance Boulevard Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 Tax Payer ID: 36-2229255

For billing questions, please call:
THE PRICING UNIT at 630-792-5115

Customer No: H000001118

Mailing: Ellen Lapointe
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

36 Clinton Street
Concord, NH
United States of America

INVOICE AMOUNT: \$ 5,710.00 USD

Payment Terms: Payment is due upon receipt of invoice.
Bill Computation: The data below each bill line was used to calculate your fees. The Annual Fee was computed from data submitted by you in your Application For Survey/Certification. The On-Site Fee was computed based on the number of surveyors/reviewers and length of time assigned to each program, using The Joint Commission business rules.

Site: 36 Clinton Street
Concord, NH
United States of America

Description	Amount
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Annual Fee(s) for the Accreditation/Certification Program(s) Indicated Below

Hospital Program	Weighted Vol	Amount
2024 - 55480 Behavioral Health Services, Inpatient	247999-278998	5,710.00

Important changes which may impact you:

- Invoices created on or after 1/1/24 and paid sixty-one (61) or more days after the invoice date will be assessed a 3% late fee. Note: Payment date is the date that your payment is received by our bank.
- Where allowed by law, payments made by credit or debit card will be assessed a 2.9% electronic processing fee. E-checks will continue to be accepted with no processing fee.

Total Amount: USD 5,710.00

REMITTANCE FORM

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Please make payment payable to:

The Joint Commission

And Mail To:

P.O. Box 734505
Chicago IL 60673-4505
United States

INVOICE AMOUNT: **\$5,710.00**

Amount Remitted

\$

Please refer to the monthly statements for customer balance due and supporting detail.

Method of Payment:

Electronic Check, Debit or Credit Card payment is available on The Joint Commission Extranet or by calling (630) 792-5115, Option 1.

Check Check Number: _____

Wire Reference Number: _____